**GOTA Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes**

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**12:30-1:30 PM**

\*Board members, please review prior meeting minutes and add agenda items and your reports for discussion

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| **Attendance** | **Name** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| **Voting Members** | | | |
| President | Kristen Webber | x |  |
| Vice President | Stephanie Johnson | x |  |
| Secretary | Jade Gross | x |  |
| Treasurer | Elizabeth Burch | x |  |
| Atlanta Region Chair | Kyle Oatis |  | X |
| Middle GA Region Chair | Betsy McDaniel |  | X |
| East Region Chair | Pam Hartle |  | X |
| South Region Chair | Katie Dixon | **x** |  |
| North Region Chair | Ben Keeling | x |  |
| **Standing Committees: Non-Voting Members** | | | |
| Past President | Jennifer Allison | x |  |
| Communication Chair  (Newsletter) | Marissa Mirecki |  | X |
| Communication Committee Member | Margaret Corcoran |  | X |
| Membership Chair  (Memberclicks, Website) | Kelsey Reeves | x |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Adrianne Smiley |  | X |
| Membership Committee Member | Laura Barone |  | X |
| Membership Committee Member/Instagram Chair | Alexis Mallis | **x** |  |
| Membership Committee Member | Sarah Mcclure |  | X |
| Membership Committee Member  Facebook | Jennifer Allison | x |  |
| Conference Co-chair | Jennifer Boyette | x |  |
| Conference Co-chair | Ruth Bourque |  | X |
| Legislative Chair | Aileen Deogracias | x |  |
| TriAlliance Representative | Nicole Walker Geringer |  | X |
| CEU Approval Chair | Tamara Mills | x |  |
| Education Liaison | Patty Watford | x |  |
| Research Committee Chair | Laura Carpenter | x |  |
| Research Committee Member |  |  |  |
| OTA Liaison | LaDonna Nash |  | X |
| **Special Liaison: Non-Voting Members** | | | |
| Ethics | Sarah Shirley |  | X |
| Liaison to the GA Licensure Board | M. Irma Alvarado | X |  |
| Nominations & Recognitions | Suzanne Masino | x |  |
| OCCUITY co-chairs | Rebekah Buehler, Frederica Kennedy | xx |  |
| Student Liaison |  |  |  |
| AOTA RA Representative | Helene Smith-Gabai |  | X |
| **Student Representatives** | | | |
| Albany State University | Daniel Walton |  | X |
| Augusta University | Emily Holton |  | X |
| Augusta Tech College | Carol Kadamani | X |  |
| Brenau University | Gainesville- Jessica Daniels  Norcross- Lauren Peterson | x-JD | X - LP |
| Chattahoochee Tech College |  |  |  |
| Georgia State University | Amanda Glass | X |  |
| Middle Georgia State University |  |  |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** | | | |
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| Silent Auction | Margaret Corcoran |  | X |
| Workshop Committee |  |  |  |
| **Additional** | | | |
| Management Office | Tiffany Wilson | x |  |
| Was a quorum attained (must have 51% of the voting members present to vote) | | X |  |
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**Secretary: 1st order of business: Motion to approve Executive Board meeting min. : \_8.16.21\_\_\_\_. Kristen moved to approve the minutes, and Stephanie seconded it. Motion carried. Minutes approved.**

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| **President’s Report** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| Kristen Webber  President | Impact of COVID-19  Practice, Education, Financial, Membership  Legislative & regulatory  O.C.C.U.I.T.Y  Membership  Social Media: Website, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube  Workshops  2021  Tri-State OT Workshop (ASAP Collaboration)  Documentation  2022:  OTA  Valentine’s Day  Communication  Newsletter accessibility  Research update  Membership spotlight |  |
| **Vice President** |  |  |
| Stephanie Johnson | Review of 3-year strategic plan  To expand GOTA’s reach and impact by advocating for and promoting OT’s distinct value to maximize health, well-being, and quality of life  To prepare and develop our profession, to inform, to educate, and to activate OT practitioners to be agents of change to foster excellence in practice.  To serve as the professional home for connecting, engaging, and inspiring our community to participate actively in advancing our mission and achieving our shared vision  To advance the quality and the recognition of OT practice in order to foster widespread adoption of evidence-based approaches that increase access, reduce cost, and improve outcomes across the continuum of care and well-being.  We can do so by:  Monitoring, reporting, and acting to influence public policy through GOTA’s Political Action Group (PAG) and Volunteerism  Considering the required and desired needs of GOTA membership in their practice environments. Practice improvement through standards, quality and evidence initiatives, foster continuing professional development, entry level, and post professional education, and develop leaders within GOTA.  Building new organizational capacities within GOTA such as efficient and effective use of GOTA Webpage, social media to focus on and support OT consumers – real or potential, focus on OT practice and GOTA members |  |
| **Treasurer** | | |
| Elizabeth Burch | Accounting services McMullan CPA  Lobbyist services remain a benchmark to protecting/advancing our profession  Increasing membership, website advertising, regional course income  GOTA continues to look into new avenues for revenue potential to strengthen our financial stability  The GAOTA Board of Directors, management office, and its accountant strive to work on a balanced budget  New for 2022 GOTA will not have a management office  2021 Total Income = $30,910.59.  Total Membership/Misc Income: $19,760  535 Members  Total Continuing Ed. Course(s) Approved by GOTA: $2,675  T-shirt Sale: $ 400.00  Documentation Workshop 8/14/21: $5,000  52 attendance  Tri-State Workshop Series: 6/26/21: $1,125  17 attendance:  2021 GOTA Conference: TBD  120 registered  Total Expenses = $34,533  Includes:  Management Office TJW CONSULTANTS = $ 9,000  Accountant = $2000  Lobbyist = $ 15,200  Annual Conference Expense = $TBD  Memberclicks=4,227  Net Profit for the year: $3,623\*  Does not include 2021 GOTA Conference\* |  |
| Secretary | | |
| Jade Gross | Requesting all members review the following document to ensure updated and accurate information: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GDTh7noD-wwQ2xK-f4q-sIlZZNlR5darpdrij6ntlRw/edit?usp=sharing>   * [GOTA Board Members Roster](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GDTh7noD-wwQ2xK-f4q-sIlZZNlR5darpdrij6ntlRw/edit?usp=sharing) |  |
| **Region reports** | **Discussion**  **ALL REGION CHAIRS-PLEASE ADD YOUR REGION REPORT & UPCOMING MEETINGS** | **Action/ Due Date** |
| **Atlanta**  Kyle Oatis |  |  |
| **East**  Pam Hartle |  |  |
| **Middle**  Betsy McDaniel |  |  |
| **South**  Katie Dixon |  |  |
| **North**  Ben Keeling |  |  |
| **All Region Chairs** | ***Please submit any upcoming meetings/events with dates, locations, and how/who to contact to rsvp for event/meeting- submit to*** [***info@gaota.com***](mailto:info@gaota.com) |  |
| **Standing Committees: Non-voting** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **Membership Chair**  Kelsey Reeves  **Alexis Mallis** | 2020-2021 Committee Members  Kelsey Reeves (Chair)  Lauren Gray  Laura Barone  Sara McClure  Alexis Mallis (Instagram Chair)  Jennifer Allison (Facebook Chiar)  As of 10/16/2021  Total Active Members: 538  Initiatives:  Increase the Virtual Resources for GOTA members  Increase the retention of student members following Graduation  Launched from 2020-2021:  Launched the GOTA Instagram  66 Posts  311 Follows  Grew the GOTA youtube channel  85 Videos  2.99K Subscribers  1,003,426 Views  Hosted a Competitive Membership Drive  Up Next:  Partnering with Communication Committee to improve accessibility of GOTA’s online resources  Increase resources for OTA members |  |
| **Communication Chair**  Marissa Mirecki | Committee Members:  Marissa Mirecki, Chair  Margaret Corcoran  Alma Adams  LaTricia Williams  2020-21 Business:  Increased accessibility of newsletter to screen readers  Collaboration with Regulatory and Reimbursement and AOTA RA Representative to disseminate practice advisories  Upcoming Initiatives  Accessibility style guide in collaboration with Membership Committee  Addition of community-based resources section to GOTA quarterly newsletter  Adjusted schedule of quarterly newsletters to accommodate conference notices |  |
| **CEU Approval Chair**  Tamara Mills |  |  |
| **Conference Co-Chairs**  Jennifer Boyette  Ruth Bourque |  |  |
| **Legislative Chair**  Aileen Deogracias | LEGISLATIVE ISSUES  HB 268 OT Compact - PASSED  HB 412 (Dempsey) Applied Behavioral Analysts - PROGRESSING  HB 267 : Athletic Trainers (LaHood) - PROGRESSING  POLICY ISSUES  Medicaid Children’s Intervention Services  Provider Issues (global denial errors, provider loading, secondary claims, communication with payer)  MPPR  Potential Legislation for 2022  · Pursuing a Medicaid reimbursement rate increase and of what type (i.e. “across” the board” or certain codes  · Legislation to prohibit MPPR  · Legislation requiring more (or real) oversight of the Medicaid program, especially the CMOs  OT PAG |  |
| **TriAlliance Representative**  Nicole Walker Geringer |  |  |
| **Education Liaison**  Patty Watford |  |  |
| **Research Committee Chair**  Laura Carpenter | Changes made to the process for approving research and posting it to the GOTA social media sites based on member feedback  First post to social media free to members  Must provide documentation of approval by an institutional review board (IRB)  On GOTA website, go to Resources>>Research>>scroll to bottom and click link “Research Projects” |  |
| **GOTA Advisory Committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in Occupational Therapy** | Current Committee members:  Rebekah Buehler, co-chairperson  Frederica Kennedy, co-chairperson  Jennifer Allison  Adrianne Smiley  Kristen Webber  Barb Schell  Sarah Shirley  Kyle Otis  Bryan Clever  Objectives completed:  Standing committee (early 2021)  Committee SOP/strategic plan  initiate collaborative role  Deliverables:  9/30/21: Hosted free CE virtual event for OT community- Dr. Cindy Clough (CE)  10/16/21: GOTA conference session  Future Directions 2022:  Recruit OT/OTA student members  Continue to support to GOTA committees  Plan 2 deliverables for 2022 |  |
| **OTA Liaison**  LaDonna Nash |  |  |
| **Special Liaison** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **GA Rep to the AOTA RA**  Helene Smith-Gabai | AOTA RA Fall 2021 meeting is scheduled for the beginning of November. There are 8 Motions and 2 Requests for Action up for a vote:  Motions  Position papers on gender identity and sexual orientation  Crosswalk analysis on community violence  Moving the definition of OT practice for state regulation to a Scope of Practice document (from the policy manual)  Position paper on dry needling  Revision of AOTA 2021 Standards for Continuing Competence  Policy on safe patient handling and mobility  Briefing paper on OT/OTA collaboration  Position statement and e-policy on OT’s role in sustainability & climate change  Requests for Action  Position paper on role of OT in eating disorders  OT’s ability to perform swallowing evaluations in the State of CA  AOTA’s Virtual Hill Day  Offices of Senators Warnock, Senator Ossoff and Congresswoman McBath were contacted to advocate for their support for the  Expanded Telehealth Access Act  Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act  Reduce upcoming 15% reimbursement differential for OTAs under Medicare Part B  Details to be provided in next GOTA newsletter! |  |
| **Recognitions & Nominations**  Suzanne Masino | OT Student of the Year: Britta Ferrier  Linda Stephens Scholarship: Haley Franklin  Occupational Therapy Supporter of the Year:  Occupational Therapy Practitioner of the Year:  Barbara E. Grant Award: Aileen O. Deogracias |  |
| **Ethics**  Sarah Shirley |  |  |
| **Licensure Board Liaison**  M. Irma Alvarado | M. Irma Alvarado, Georgia OT Licensure Updates to be discussed Sunday, 11:20-12:20pm, Session 12.A |  |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| **Silent Auction**  Margaret Corcoran |  |  |
| **Workshop Committee** |  |  |
| **OTA Initiative**  M. Irma Alvarado |  |  |
| **Student Representatives** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
| \*Albany State University  \*Augusta University  \*Augusta Tech College  \*Brenau University  \*Chattahoochee Tech College  \*Georgia State University  \*Middle Georgia State University |  |  |
| **New Business** | **Discussion** | **Action/Due Date** |
|  | New Executive Board Positions:  Vice President  Region Chairs:  East  North  South  Middle  Atlanta  Appointments  Conference Chair  Kay Graham:  Link to sign up for home assessment across the state: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jkk8YIDe5FfoAgBXnIswuDiee8ptqk0Gw30kn34uAIw/edit?usp=sharing |  |
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Kristen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:29PM\_.